

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 COPENH 02925 211757Z

61

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

USIA-15 ACDA-19 IO-14 SAJ-01 EB-11 OMB-01 NIC-01

DRC-01 /151 W

----- 052980

R 211651Z NOV 73

FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8090

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS UNN

USMISSION NATO

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 2925

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PINT DA

SUBJ: FORTHCOMING ELECTION - NO. 6 - IDEOLOGY

REF: COPENHAGEN 2887

BEGIN SUMMARY. FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE IN CURRENT ELECTION IS
IDEOLOGICAL ONE--DEGREE AND KIND OF SOCIALISM DANISH VOTER DESIRES
OR WILL TOLERATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. POSSIBLY DECISIVE IN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 COPENH 02925 211757Z

RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE WILL BE EVENTUAL POLITICAL CORORATION

OF ERHARD JAKOBSEN'S NASCENT CENTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY. END SUMMARY

1. ALTHOUGH CHARACTER OF PRESENT ELECTION IS IN PART A GENERALIZED PORTEST AGAINST ESTABLISHED POLITICAL SYSTEM, THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE IS THE AMOUNT OF AND KIND OF SOCIALISM WHICH THE DANISH ELECTORATE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT. FROM WORLD WAR II UNTIL THE MID-1960'S, DANISH POLITICS WERE BUILT AROUND A TWO-BLOC SYSTEM--SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (S) AND RADICAL LIBERALS (R) VS. MODERATE LIBERALS (V) AND CONSERVATIVES (K). SOCIAL DEMOCRAT-RADICAL LIBERAL ALLIANCE, WHICH WAS IN OFFICE MOST OF THIS PERIOD, INSURED THAT GOVERNMENT POLICY WAS MODERATE AND PRAGMATIC, SINCE SOCIALIST MEASURES WERE ADOPTED ONLY BY AND WITH THE CONSENT OF NON-SOCIALIST VOTERS.

2. RE-ALIGNMENT OF TWO-BLOC SYSTEM OCCURRED IN MID-1960'S WHEN SOCIALIST PEOPLES PARTY (SF) EMERGED AS A SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL FORCE, ON THE LEFT OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. WHEN A SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED IN 1966 WITH TACIT SF SUPPORT (THE SO-CALLED "RED CABINET" GOVERNMENT), HILMAR BAUNSGAARD TOOK RADICAL PARTY OUT OF ITS TRADITIONAL ALLIANCE WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS INTO AN ALLIANCE WITH K AND V. SINCE THEN, ELECTORATE HAS BEEN FACED WITH BASIC CHOICE BETWEEN A SOCIALIST (S-SF) BLOC AND A BOURGEOIS (KVR) BLOC. SOCIALIST BLOC'S SLIM ONE-VOTE EDGE IN PARLIAMENT DURING PAST TWO YEARS HAS, OF COURSE, HIGH-LIGHTED IDEOLOGICAL ISSUE.

3. STRATEGY OF KVR OPPOSITION DURING PAST YEAR HAS BEEN TO ATTACK SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT'S "RADICALISM", EMPHASIZING ITS POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE ON SF AND ITS WHOLESALE ADOPTION OF SF POLICY. AT SAME TIME, THOSE THREE PARTIES HAVE MAINTAINED THEIR POTENTIAL AS THE NON-SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE TO THE GOVERNMENT. THEY HAVE DON THIS IN THE FACE OF CONSIDERABLE INTERNAL PRESSURE, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE RADICAL PARTY FOR A RETURN TO A POLICY OF COOPERATION WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. ASSISTED BY ANKER JORGENSEN'S LEFT-WING IMAGE, THIS STRATEGY HAS CLEARLY BEEN SUCCESSFUL, AS SHARP DECLINE IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC POPULAR SUPPORT DURING THE YEAR INDICATES.

4. SUDDEN CREATION OF ERHARD JAKOBSEN'S CENTER DEMOCRATIC
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 COPENH 02925 211757Z

PARTY HAS COMPLICATED THIS IDEOLOGICAL ISSUE DRASTICALLY. JAKOBSEN PORTRAYS HIS NEW PARTY AS GENUINELY SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC, THUS OFFERING THE VOTER A MEANS OF PROTESTING AGAINST ANKER JORGENSEN'S LEFT-WING LINE WITHOUT LEAVING THE SOCIALIST FOLD. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CD HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS OF NON-SOCIALIST VOTERS, WHO WILL RSIST STRENUOUSLY A SOCIALIST LABEL OR ALIGNMENT. FOR THIS REASON, BOTH THE SF AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ARE TREATING JAKOBSEN WITH KID GLOVES, KEEPING OPEN

POSSIBILITY OF POST-ELECTION COOPERATION, AND ONE LEADING CD FIGURE HAS PUBLICLY RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PARTY'S RETURN TO THE SDP WITHIN A FEW YEARS. THIS SUGGESTION WAS IMMEDIATELY POUNCED UPON BY CONSERVATIVE PARTY SPOKESMEN, WHO WARNED THAT A VOTE FOR JAKOBSEN WAS A VOTE FOR SOCIAL DEMOCRACY.

5. EXPLANATION FOR JAKOBSEN'S PHENOMENAL SUPPORT HAS THUS BEEN HIS SUCCESS IN GRASPING THE POLITICAL MIDDEL, IN CONTRAST TO THE OUT-MANEUVERED GLISTRUP, WHOSE PROGRESS PARTY IS NOW GENERALLY PERCEIVED AS AN EXTREME RIGHT-WING PARTY. FINAL OUTCOME OF CURRENT ELECTION, CONSEQUENTLY, MAY WELL DEPEND ON THE EVENTUAL POLITICAL COLORATION OF A TWO-WEEK OLD, AS YET, INCHOAT, POLITICAL PARTY.
CROWE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SOCIALISM, PARTY LINE, POLITICAL PARTIES, ELECTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: cunninfx
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973COPENH02925
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: COPENHAGEN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731120/aaaaaouo.tel
Line Count: 129
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: COPENHAGEN 2887
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12-Sep-2001 by rowellE0>; APPROVED <25-Sep-2001 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FORTHCOMING ELECTION - NO. 6 - IDEOLOGY
TAGS: PINT, DA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005